

## Pastor's Annual Report for 1886.

To the Brethren Church at Nickerson, Kans.:—Another year has passed, and our record in the book of life, whether good or evil, is made.

During the year of 1886, I preached about 110 sermons; 63 in the home church, 4 of which were funeral services; to the Brethren at Little River, in Rice county, 42 sermons, and 5 abroad. During the year there were 14 accessions; 13 by confession and baptism and one by relation; and one, our beloved brother Upton H. Blucher, has crossed the silent river, to join the saints in eternal light.

Four were added to the church at Little River, 3 by relation and one, a minister, restored. We elected one deacon, brother John H. Lauver, now at Hartland, Kansas.

The pastor's total receipts from the Brethren church at Nickerson (Christopher included) was \$72.04 with a balance of \$10 subscribed unpaid. Received from the Brethren at Little River \$22.50, with a balance of \$8 subscribed unpaid. Total received \$94.54. Unpaid balance, \$18.

The condition of the church is better than it was at the beginning of the year; but not as good as it has been during a part of the year. Greater activity by awaking to duty all along the line is needed, and to attain this desirable end, I recommend the following measures to your prayerful consideration and action:

1st. The election of another deacon at our next regular church council. Adopted.

2nd. That we ask our deacons to hold regular stated meetings, either for prayer and social meetings or preaching, or both as the Lord may give them ability to do. Adopted.

3rd. That we organize Sunday schools and Bible classes, for the study of God's word, as recorded in the gospel of Christ, which is our only creed and discipline. Adopted.

4th. That we complete our church organization, by naming or electing permanent trustees. Amended as follows: That we complete our church organization by electing three trustees at our next regular church council meeting. Adopted.

5th. That we secure the services of a pastor for the first six months of this year at least; for I cannot (in justice to myself and family) fill the regular appointments as heretofore. Tabled indefinitely.

6th. That we hold our love feast once per each quarter; alternately, between the north and south ends, or Nickerson and Christopher. Adopted.

7th. That we call on the State Evangelist for the state of Kansas, to look after the scattered members of the Brethren church in Southwestern Kansas, and preach for them as early in this year as is possible. Adopted.

8th. That we favor and will support any discreet measure to place an evangelist in the field to labor exclusively outside of organized Brethren churches. Adopted.

9th. Thanking you all for the many kindnesses shown me during the past year, I shall ever remember you with tenderest Christian love. And I herewith tender you my resignation as pastor. Accepted and adopted.

JACOB W. BEER, Pastor.

Nickerson, Kans., Feb. 12, '87.



JAMES LICK.

The completion of the Lick Observatory marks an important epoch in the history of astronomical observation. The lenses for the great telescope were made at Cambridgeport, Mass., and are the largest and most perfect ever manufactured. The observatory is built on Mount Hamilton, of the Pacific Coast Range, in Santa Clara County, thirteen miles from San Jose California, on a plateau 450 feet in length by 225 in width, some 4,400 feet above sea level, and contains the largest telescope in the world.

James Lick emigrated to California in 1847 from New York, where he had been engaged in the manufacturing of pianos, taking with him the sum of \$30,000, which he invested there in Real Estate, and its rapid advance in value made him wealthy. In 1874 he placed his entire property into the hands of trustees, to be devoted to public and charitable purposes. 700,000 was bequeathed for the observatory referred to in this article, 150,000 for free public baths in San Francisco, and 540,000 for a school to be called the California School of Mechanical Arts. For himself he reserved 500,000, and gave his son 150,000 and each of his relatives sums varying from 2,000 to 5,000.

## General News.

The strike in New York and Jersey City are off.

The street car drivers of Boston, are on a strike.

Warden Howard, of the Jeffersonville Prison, Ind., is short in his accounts to the amount of 50,000.

Elections were held in Germany and the powers of Europe, looked upon the event with anxious interest.

Business has been stagnant in England during the past week.

The President has vetoed the bill appropriating 10,000 for the sufferers in Texas from drought. Thus another theft is prevented.

The Trade Dollar will be redeemed, dollar for dollar, at the U. S. Treasury.

A great fire broke out in Augusta, Ga., on February 2nd, burning several large stores, a theatre, and damaging two hotels. The total loss amounted to \$185,000. Two-thirds covered by insurance.

One of the most creditable actions of the present Congress was the passage, last week, of the Chinese Indemnity Bill. The bill, as passed in the first place by the Senate, left the amount of the indemnity to be determined by a commission to be appointed by the President, stipulating only that the sum total should not exceed \$150,000. The House amended the bill by appropriating \$147,750 directly, without reference to a commission, and the Senate, afterward, at the request of Mr. Edmunds, accepted the amendment without a division.

There is a bill before Congress to change the date of the day for the inauguration of Presidents. There are many objections to the fourth of March,

"Lives of great men always remind us that we are all subject to die," says an exchange, but never enough yourself away as long as you can raise twenty-five cents for a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

the chief of these being that it comes too early in the season.

The House bill to amend an act to prohibit the importation and immigration of foreigners and aliens under contract or agreement to perform labor has been passed by the Senate without amendment.

The Senate passed two important bills, on Feb. 7th, for the encouragement of the manufacture of steel for modern army and navy ordinances, armor, shafting, and other naval purposes.

The government of the city of Brooklyn has become notoriously bad that the legislature of the state has ordered "an investigation into the administration of every department" to see "whether early and efficient legislation may be had to prevent the repetition of irregularities and punish crimes."

Fine rains have been falling in California, and the farming community are having their languishing hopes revived.

A terrible blizzard passed over parts of Nebraska, and other parts of the West, on the 20 and 21st, doing great damage.

A cave has been discovered in Marshall county, Kentucky, in which are many rooms of great extent. Two skeletons, \$600 in gold and silver, and a quantity of silverware were found in one of the chambers. It is believed to have been the hiding place of "Bloody Bill Brady's Gang" of guerillas during the war.

Dispatches from the Soudan state that a prolonged war between the Italians and Abyssinians is expected.

Twenty five thousand of the 75,000 prisoners confined in jails throughout India will be released to day as an act of clemency to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria.

The Governor of Iowa issued a proclamation Tuesday forbidding the importation of cattle from Illinois.

Mrs. Eunice Darling, of Hersey, Mo., aged 101 years, knits a pair of stockings every day and attends to her household duties.

A document has been presented to the King of Sweden containing 136,694 signatures to a petition for the suppression of obscene literature.

The Alabama House of Representatives has passed a bill making the keeping of a gambling house a felony, punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary.

The sale of liquor has been prohibited on property owned by the Northern Pacific Railroad by order of its president Robert Harris. His wife is said to have inspired the order.

On January 31st the lower house of the Texas Legislature adopted the joint resolution proposing to submit a prohibition amendment to the constitution, by a vote of 80 yeas to 21 nays.

One year ago North Yakima, Washington Territory had nineteen saloons; now it has none, all due to the white ribbon women of the town, who have labored incessantly to uproot the saloons.

The State of Vermont has 70,000 youth in her public schools, and the legislature has appropriated \$50,000 to distribute text-books for instruction in scientific temperance, and contracts for furnishing such books have been awarded.

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## Railroad Time Table.

ADOPTED JAN. 9, 1887.

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## TIME OF TRAINS AT ASHLAND.

WEST.	
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No. 5, " " " " " "	1:15 P.M.
No. 7, Accom. (Except Sunday)	6:04 P.M.
No. 11, Accom. ( " " " " " )	10:30 A.M.
No. 37, Way Fr. ( " " " " " )	2:17 P.M.
No. 13, Erie Express (Ex Monday)	1:00 P.M.
EAST.	
No. 4, New York Limited Ex. (daily)	2:17 P.M.
No. 6, Accom. (Ex Sunday)	5:10 P.M.
No. 12, N. Y. Albany, Boston Ex (d'l'y)	6:44 A.M.
No. 14, Erie Express (Ex Monday)	1:35 A.M.
No. 38, Way Freight, Except Sunday	10:30 A.M.

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